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Ryan to address summer graduates

Dr. John W. Ryan, president of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, will deliver The University of Texas at Tyler summer commencement address. Commencement will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday Aug. 5 in the University Center.

Dr. Ryan became president of Indiana University in 1971. Among his major accomplishments is the administrative reorganization of the university into an eight-campus system providing academic services throughout the state of Indiana. With 80,774 students, Indiana University is the largest institution of higher education in the state and one of the largest in the nation.

Dr. Ryan holds the Ph.D. and M.A. degrees from Indiana University and the B.A. degree from the University of Utah. He has received honorary degrees from the University of Notre Dame, St. Joseph's College, College of St. Thomas and Oakland City College.

Degree candidates include 60 at the master's level and 112 at the bachelor's level. They represent 53 cities in Texas, six other states and three foreign countries.

Presiding during the commencement and conferring degrees will be Dr. George F. Hamm.

Commencement macebearer will be Dr. Frank H. Smyrl, professor of history. The invocation will be given by the Rev. David Long, minister of First Baptist Church, and the benediction will be given by Dr. James T. Garrett, minister of Marvin United Methodist Church.

The presentation of degree candidates will be by Dr. Thomas A. Keagy, assistant to the president for academic affairs, and Dr. Wendell C. Hewett, Dr. Robert L. Cox, Dr. F. Lannom Smith and Dr. L. Lynn Sherrod, deans of the four academic schools.

Early registration set

Early registration for returning and former students at The University of Texas at Tyler is scheduled for Monday, August 1, from 1-4 p.m. in the University Center.

Orientation and early registration for the fall semester for new students will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 2. Students will assemble in room 122 of the Physical and Health Education Building.

Early registration includes advisements, selection of fall courses, and the payment of tuition and fees.

New graduate programs approved for UT Tyler

A new graduate degree program in public administration and a new graduate major in education were approved for The University of Texas at Tyler at the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System meeting July 22.

The Master of Science in public planning and administration and the Master of Education in education administration degrees become effective with the 1983-84 academic year.

"I am extremely pleased that the Coordinating Board has recognized a broader responsibility for UT Tyler. We look forward to additional academic program approvals as we continue to become identified as a comprehensive upper-level and graduate university," Dr. George F. Hamm said.

The M.S. in public planning and administration degree, under the Department of Social Sciences is designed for persons in or preparing to enter mid or upper management in public and nonprofit organizations. The 36-semester-hour program is centered in the disciplines of political science and sociology.

The M.Ed. in educational administration, under the School of Education and Psychology, is designed to meet the need for supervisors, coordinators, curriculum directors and principals in area public schools. The program requires 45 semester hours in compliance with requirements for Texas Education Agency certification.

Gajda combines history, teaching to keep learning

Planning originally to become a journalist or a writer of some kind, Dr. Patricia A. Gajda says she "rather fell into teaching." Teaching is the only way she could combine her love of school, of writing, and of history, and the only way she could remain a student herself.

When she graduated from high school, she was offered a four-year scholarship to go into the teaching program at St. John College in Cleveland, Ohio. She accepted and learned to love history as well as writing and physics. "I always thought I would go into some area of science if I did not write, even though, history had been an interest of mine since the fourth grade," Gajda, coordinator of international programs and associate professor of history, said. "In college I learned that history was the icing on the cake as well as the meat and potatoes, too."

She has not had to give up writing. She has written and published two books: *The Faces of Tyler* and *Postscript to Victory*.

Gajda believes that when you teach you become a student of what you are working on. This belief gave her more incentive for teaching history, because she has always been interested in her own heritage and in other areas of the world. Both sets of her grandparents came to America at the turn of the century from the new Austrian-Hungarian Empire. They were Polish.

In 1965 she was appointed to the United States Department of Defense Overseas Dependence Schools in Gelnhausen, Germany. She taught elementary children for two years working with a German language teacher. It was during this time that she gained an interest in Europe and travel in connection with education.

"In Germany I found that too many American children did not really live in Germany. They lived in the little outpost and were learning nothing about the country," the 1976 Piper nominee said. "I knew this wouldn't work, so I organized field trips because I believe a great deal of learning goes on outside the classroom."

After two years in Gelnhausen, she returned to the states and enrolled at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland to work on a Ph.D. degree in European history. She needed to go

to England to do research on the dissertation. After writing to several colleges in London and receiving a great collection of reject letters, a letter came from Digby Stuart College in Roehampton in London, saying they could not exchange money, but she could have a free place to live in return for work she did for them.

"Here was Pat Gajda, lucky again," she said. "I learned more about teaching and learned as a historian you are 'doing history', as they say in England, and that history is not just a string of facts."

When she came to Tyler in 1974, she tried to establish the same elements into her teaching that she had learned in Europe. "My love of history and travel, my philosophy of field trips in the education process — all of these things were so internalized that I tried to get these elements into my teaching at UT Tyler and this led to the Travel/Study Program," she said.

Gajda believes that her responsibility as a teacher is to help her students develop a historical context in which to operate, and to help those students who are going out to teach to be able to pass on to their students an understanding of how historians try to make sense of the world they live in.

Gajda sees a deficit in America's education if this is not learned. "Without productive, intelligent citizens we cannot continue to be a great country. There is too much apathy in the United States. Being abroad gives one a deeper appreciation of what we have here, and how little we appreciate it. I don't even complain about my taxes. They are cheap compared to what we get. We have the freedom to dissent, to choose jobs, and to study what we want."

Though she feels a strong responsibility to the students she teaches, she also feels a responsibility to herself. "I have an obligation to me. I need to learn too," she explained. "I am one of my own students. If I weren't I wouldn't be in this business. That's the nicest part of all."

Teaching at UT Tyler has been, in her words, "a wonderful experience. I wouldn't have traded being here with being at Harvard. I learned more here. In the beginning we were a young school with a young faculty who got a lot out of it. We couldn't afford the luxury of doing only one thing, so we got experience in administrative duties, committee work, research, evaluations, helping build a library, and coordinating both undergraduate and graduate programs."

VP position open

The University of Texas at Tyler is now accepting nominations and applications for the position of vice president for academic affairs. Nominations are to be received by Sept. 20 with Oct. 1 the deadline for individuals to apply. Dr. Tom Keagy is accepting all mail for the Vice Presidential Search Committee.

Qualifications required for the position include an earned doctorate, successful teaching experience and evidence of other scholarly achievement, academic administrative experience including active participation in budgetary matters, and a demonstrated ability to exercise academic leadership.

The chief academic officer will be responsible to the president for all instructional and research functions, curriculum and academic budget development, related faculty and staff personnel matters, and liaison with external agencies.

KLTV commerical airs

The University of Texas at Tyler began airing a 30-second television commercial on KLTV on July 18. The commercial will be used three times each week through August 26, alternating on the 6 and 10 p.m. news each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

In addition, the UT Tyler spot will be shown on nine NFL pre-season football games beginning July 30 with the Pittsburgh at New Orleans game and continuing through August 27 for the Houston at Dallas game.

Filming for the commercial was completed in April by KLTV. The commercial includes several outdoor locations around campus as well as scenes from computer science, nursing, health and physical education, the library and other academic areas.

The full NFL pre-season schedule for the commercial includes:
Saturday, July 30, 1-4:30 p.m., Pittsburgh at New Orleans
Friday, August 12, 7-10 p.m., New York Giants at Pittsburgh
Sunday, August 14, 3-6 p.m., New England at San Francisco
Thursday, August 18, 8-11 p.m., New York Jets at Cincinnati
Friday, August 19, 7-10 p.m., Miami at Washington
Saturday, August 20, 2-5 p.m., Philadelphia at Green Bay
Saturday, August 20, 8-11 p.m., Pittsburgh at Dallas
Friday, August 26, 7-10 p.m., Los Angeles Raiders at Cleveland
Saturday, August 27, 8-11 p.m., Houston at Dallas

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Patrick Shay
Groundskeeper I
PHY 105, Ext. 286
Effective 7-11-83

Vicki Wallace
Secretary I
HPE 102, Ext. 206
Effective 7-18-83

Lessie Warren, building attendant in the Physical Plant Department, will observe her fifth year of continuous service at the University on August 1. Congratulations Lessie!

8 to 5 Forum meets

The 8 to 5 Forum will have its monthly luncheon and meeting at noon Friday, Aug. 5, in UC 134.

Hostesses for the luncheon will be the 1982-83 officers: Lynn Reynolds, Julie Davis, Carol Hafner, Peggy Jackson, Barbara McClellan and Dixie Waldrop.

During the meeting, the members will elect 1983-84 officers.

FROM THE MASTER CALENDAR

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| July 29 - | Last day to submit thesis to coordinator of graduate programs |
| August 5 - | Summer Commencement |
| August 11 - | Last day to drop a course |
| August 12 - | Final Examinations |
| August 12 - | Last day for submission of rental renewal requisitions for 1983-84 funds to Purchasing Department |
| August 12 - | End of second summer term |

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